

**HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Buffalo, New York**

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2024**  
**7:00 p.m.**

*Welcome to Holy Trinity!*

*Holy Trinity recognizes that each of us is a unique creation made in the image of God. We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts that God has bestowed on us.*

*We proclaim ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation to all of God's creatures welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identification, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status. We commit ourselves to the work of anti-racism and creating an anti-racist space through the protection against oppression internally, in institutions, interpersonally and structurally.*

*We believe that through our openness we all grow in our faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us.*

*Visitors interested in membership may talk with a Council representative at the Council desk, contact the Church office or indicate on the yellow Welcome sheet.*

*We invite you to share your story and your worship experience! Check-in and share on any of our social media platforms using #poweroftrinity.*

*You can find us on Facebook @holytrinitybuffalo, on Instagram @holytrinitybuffalo or on twitter @holytrinitybuff*

*Large print bulletins are available at the entrance ways*

## **INTRODUCTION**

*This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.*

## **THE VOLUNTARY**

*Le Banquet Celeste*

**Olivier Messiaen**  
(1908-1992)

## *Ringing of the Bells*

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **AT THE ENTRANCE OF CHOIR AND CLERGY**

*Adoro Te Devote*

13th Century Plainsong, Mode V

Text: St. Thomas Aquinas (1227-1274); tr. James Woodford (1820-1885)

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee, who in thy sacrament art pleased to be;  
both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail, yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.  
O blest memorial of our dying Lord, who living bread to us shall here afford;  
oh, may our souls forever feed on thee, and thou, O Christ, forever precious be.  
Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God: cleanse us, unclean, with thy most cleansing blood.  
Increase our faith and love, that we may know the hope and peace which from thy presence flow.  
O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see, may what we thirst for soon our portion be:  
to gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face, the vision of thy glory, and thy grace. Amen.

### **GATHERING AND CONFESSION OF SIN**

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

*Please kneel as you are able.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**  
**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us.**  
**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.**  
**Amen.**

### **THE ABSOLUTION**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved through faith. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.  
**Amen.**

*Those who wish are invited to come forward to receive the laying on of hands and individual absolution with the words: "In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins."*  
Each penitent responds: **Amen.**

## THE MOTET

*Ubi Caritas*

René Clausen

(b. 1953)

Where charity and love are, God is there. The Christ's love has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him. Let us fear and let us love the living God, and let us love Him with a sincere heart.

Where charity and love are, God is there. As we are gathered into one body, beware, lest we be divided in mind. Let evil impulses stop, let controversy cease, and may Christ be in our midst.

Where charity and love are, God is there. And may we also with the saints, gloriously see thy face, O Christ. The joy that is immense and good, unto the ages through infinite ages. Amen.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

**Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

A reading from Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

<sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 116:1-2, 12-19**

The congregation will sing responsively the bold-faced type.



<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,  
and listened to my | supplication,

<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given | ear to me**  
**whenev- | er I called.**

<sup>12</sup>How shall I re- | pay the LORD  
for all the good things God has | done for me?

<sup>13</sup>**I will lift the cup | of salvation**  
**and call on the name | of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people.

<sup>15</sup>**Precious in your | sight, O LORD,**  
**is the death | of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I <sup>1</sup> am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me <sup>1</sup> from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup>**I will offer you the sacrifice <sup>1</sup> of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name <sup>1</sup> of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows <sup>1</sup> to the LORD  
in the presence of <sup>1</sup> all God's people,  
<sup>19</sup>**in the courts of <sup>1</sup> the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, <sup>1</sup> O Jerusalem.**

## **THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

A reading from First Corinthians.

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread,  
<sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said,  
"This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

<sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.*

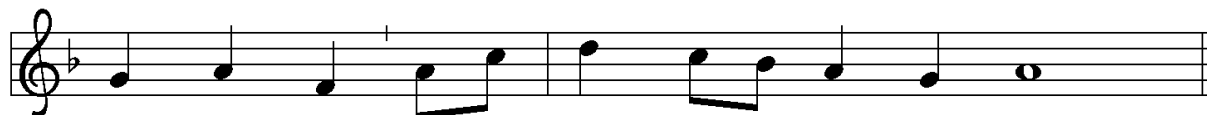
## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### GOSPEL: John 13:1-17, 31b - 35

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

<sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.

<sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

<sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." <sup>12</sup>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

<sup>31b</sup>"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**THE SERMON**

The Rev. Richard Neal

*Please stand, if able.*

**SERMON ANTHEM**

from *Koyaanisqatsi: Life Out of Balance*

Text: Hopi Language

Philip Glass

(b. 1937)

The Tenors and Basses of the Chancel Choir

Koyaanisqatsi (Life out of balance.)



## THE INVITATION TO SERVE

On this night we remember that our Lord set us an example, to love one another as he loved us. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant.

Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of hands, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

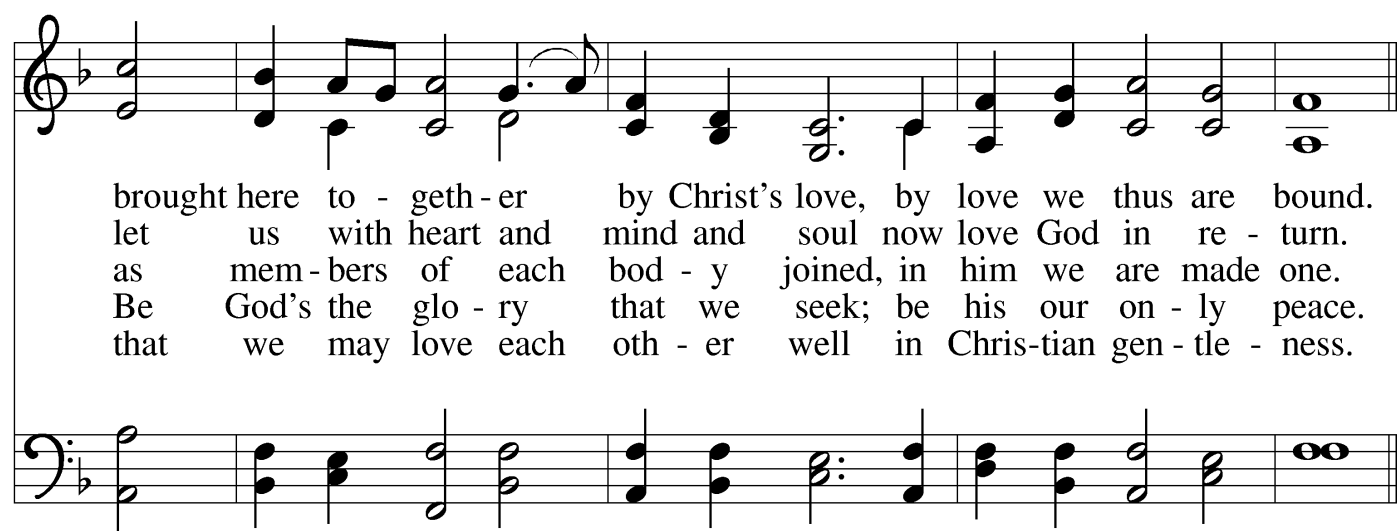
## THE HYMN

*Where Charity and Love Prevail* "Twenty-Fourth"

ELW 359



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;  
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;  
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

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## **PRAYERS OF PASTOR AND PEOPLE**

Trusting in Jesus who gave his life for the world, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

God who kneels to wash our feet, gather your church around the world during this holy week. Humble the powerful and lift up any who are marginalized. Renew our faith and make us bold in service and love to our neighbors. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God who blesses the grain of the soil and the fruit of the vine, inspire in us a reverent care for the earth. Sustain fields, gardens, and wild places, that all people are fed and every living thing flourishes. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God whose greatest commandment is love, guide all who govern by the principle of love. Transform unjust human systems that oppress some for the gain of others. Restore communities as places of justice and concern for those who are vulnerable. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God who was betrayed, comfort people everywhere who have suffered abuse at the hands of someone they knew and trusted. Heal the bodies, minds, and hearts of victims of exploitation. Help all in pain to know that you are near and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... . Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God who sits at the table with us, grant the joy of your presence to people celebrating first communion today, and to all who share the meal. Strengthen communities of faith in grace and courage. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God who brings new life out of death, we pray with thanks for the lives of those who have joined the communion of saints. In our holy meal, connect us to the faithful who have gone before us, and nourish us as your people living today. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, loving God, for the sake of the One who loved us to the end, Jesus Christ, our redeemer.  
**Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Let us share with each other a sign of Christ's peace*

*Please be seated.*

## **THE OFFERING**

### **THE MOTET AT THE OFFERING**

*I give you a new commandment*

Text: John 13:34-35

John Sheppard

(c1515 - 1558)

I give you a new commandment, that ye love one another, even as I have loved you.  
By this all men shall know that ye are my disciples,  
if ye love one another, even as I have loved you.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THE PRAYER AT THE OFFERING

Let us pray together.

**Jesus, you are the bread of life  
and the host of this meal.**

**Bless these gifts that we have gathered  
that all people may know your goodness.**

**Feed us not only with this holy food  
but with hunger for justice and peace.**

**We pray this in your name.**

**Amen.**

## THE OFFERTORY

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

ELW 186

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.


Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.


## THE DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## THE PREFACE

It is indeed right ...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,

and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and  
ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## THE AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### *Invitation to Communion*

All are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. Beginning with those seated closest to the altar, you are invited to come forward down the center aisle to the presiding minister. Receiving the wafer in your hand, you are invited to dip or “intinct” the wafer into the chalice. There is wine in the silver chalice and grape juice in the ceramic chalice. For those who prefer, gluten-free wafers are available by simply asking the Pastor as you are served. Portable communion cups are also available for those who are not comfortable sharing the sacrament of Holy Communion in-person. Adults or children choosing not to receive communion may come forward to receive a blessing. The Pastors will bring the sacrament to persons in the pews that are unable to come forward. Please advise an usher if you wish the pastor to do so.

Come eat and drink; there is a place for you at the table of our Lord.

## COMMUNION MOTETS

### *Verily, Verily I Say Unto You*

Text: John 6:53-56

Thomas Tallis

(1505–1585)

Verily, verily, I say unto you: except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Who so eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

### *O Living Bread, Who Once Didst Die*

Text: Bishop Walsham How (1823-1897)

Percy W. Whitlock

(1903–1946)

O living bread who once didst die, and lay thee down in rocky tomb;  
within my heart forever lie, and shed thy brightness o'er its gloom.

O precious blood!

So freely shed, sweet pledge of pardon from above:

Speak to my heart so cold and dead, and wake it into life and love.

O sacred food! O cleansing tide!

Fill all my soul with love divine:

thou who didst my life redeem: come to my heart and make me thine.

Amen.

*Please stand as you are able.*



## **THE POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

## **THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection.

May this sacrament of your body and blood  
so work in us that the fruits of your redemption  
will show forth in the way we live,  
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR** (*kneel or sit*)

*Stripping the altar has both practical and symbolic value for the church's worship. Practically, it sets the stark stage for the Good Friday liturgy. Symbolically, it represents the indignities Jesus suffered at the hands of the Roman soldiers, specifically the stripping of his garments and the humiliation of his crucifixion. We remove the altar's ornaments and linens in remembrance of that violent deed.*

## **PSALM 22**

*Sung antiphonally as the altar is stripped and the cross enters the sanctuary.*


My God, my God, why have you forsaken me...

Tim Flynn, *bass*

Holly Holdaway, *mezzo-soprano*

Tyler Huk, *tenor*

Colleen Flynn, *soprano*



*Once the choir and clergy have departed the chancel,  
we ask that the congregation leave in silence  
until you depart the sanctuary.*



The reader is Uli MacDonald

The worship assistants are:


Crucifer: Avery Best

Torch bearers: Morgan Leiser, Rowan Leiser

Acolytes/Cross Bearers: Timothy Yap, Erys Yap,  
Zachary Flynn, Henry Flynn,  
Tony Lizauckas, Clayton Best

The ushers are:

Ron Leiser (Captain), Mike Day, Alan Heiss,  
Elizabeth Vihnanek and Marty Wright



## **GOOD FRIDAY and EASTER SCHEDULE**

### **Good Friday**

12:00 p.m. Worship Service in Chapel

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service with Chancel Choir

### **Easter Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. Easter breakfast in Redeemer Hall

10:00 a.m. Preservice music with choir and instruments

10:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion with Choir/Brass/  
Organ

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